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The Honorable Martin T. Meehan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2229 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Assabet River Rail Trail, Marlborough to Acton**

Dear Representative Meehan:

We understand that with the reauthorization of TEA 21 comes an opportunity to nominate High Priority Projects. We wanted to let you know that we fully support the nomination of the Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) as a High Priority Project for funding phased over the coming years. We hope you will agree that the ARRT is a deserving project for this special consideration.

ARRT enjoys wide support in our community. It is well thought out (see 1991 Implementation Plan). Land acquisitions are falling into place at this end of the trail. The first piece in Marlborough was completed almost two years ago, and construction through Hudson will begin shortly. The project has been championed by community supporters (ARRT, Inc.) since 1993. Acquisitions, design, and construction to date have been funded through Federal Enhancement and CMAQ Programs.

Sincerely,

William H. Shupert, Chairman  
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